Darkness And The Light

Gen 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and **darkness was upon the face of the deep**. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

God creates the heaven and the earth. Darkness was first to exist. This is because darkness prior to the created heaven and earth, darkness existed in heaven as referenced in Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Note; The earth being without form and void from the Hebrew means; From an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), that is, desert; figuratively a worthless thing; adverbially in vain: - confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.

Darkness from the Hebrew;

H2822 חשֶׁך From H2821; the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness.

These two verses summarizes the above.

Gen 1:17-18 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

GOD SAW THAT IS WAS GOOD.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

What is interesting to note, darkness in the OT has a different meaning than in the NT. The Greek definition of darkness in Mat 6:23;

G4652 σκοτεινός From G4655; opaque, that is, (figuratively) benighted: - dark, full of darkness. G4655 σκότος From the base of G4639; shadiness, that is, obscurity (literally or figuratively): - darkness. G4639 σκία Apparently a primary word; "shade" or a shadow (literally or figuratively [darkness of error or an adumbration]): - shadow.

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Sin from the Greek;

G264 ἁμαρτάνω Perhaps from G1 (as a negative particle) and the base of G3313; properly to miss the mark (and so not share in the prize), that is, (figuratively) to err, especially (morally) to sin.

Interesting how darkness from the OT prior to Jesus has the definition of misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow and wickedness, is noted as "good". Then in the NT after Jesus darkness is seen as obscurity, a darkness of error. Sin in the NT has the definition meaning to err, miss the mark, and so not to share in the prize.

Sin and darkness, love and goodness, establishes the basis necessary for free will. Therefore, it is highly important to correctly see, understand, and accept at least in neutrality the workings of the positive and negative in God's perfect plan.

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